



April 11, 2018

Dear Fourth Grade Parents,

We are pleased to welcome your child to Lakewood Middle School as a 5th grader for the 2018-2019 school year. Next year your child will embark on an exciting new adventure as a middle schooler. There is no doubt there is some level of anxiety and fear entering their middle school years.

The LMS administration and staff are preparing to make a warm welcome for all new 5th grade students. The 5th grade classrooms are located in their own hallway, the north wing of the building. The 5th grade staff and administration have critiqued and developed a curriculum and schedule to continue to provide each student with an outstanding academic and school experience.

The transition of the 5th grade into the middle school has been a wonderful experience for students, staff and administration. The 5th grade students will receive five different electives, "specials", throughout the school year. The 5th graders will have their own lunchtime in the cafeteria as the graduating class of 2025. However, there will be a 10-minute overlap during lunch with next year's 6th graders. The 5th grade hall will offer a technology and multi-purpose room. All middle school programs will be offered to the 2018-2019 5th graders. All academic and supporting programs, classes and procedures are organized and ready for the students to experience the most positive start to middle school.

You are welcome to call or visit the school anytime, but Lakewood Middle School will be hosting a special orientation on May 4, 2018 for all 2018-2019 5th graders' during the school day at Lakewood Middle School. This will occur after the school counselor, assistant principal and myself visit LES to begin the first introduction to middle school on Thursday, April 26, 2018. A one-hour parent meeting/orientation is scheduled for April 30, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the Lakewood Middle School Cafeteria.

The middle years are a time when moral development is most influenced by others, a period where partnerships between school and families is essential, and certainly a time to be academically challenged. We look forward to this new challenge and we are working hard to ensure a smooth and rewarding transition for students and parents.

We are thrilled to work with you and your child beginning in the 2018-2019 school year. Just as eating an Oreo cookie, the best stuff is really in the middle.

Sincerely,

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